

Draw 50

FLOWERS, TREES, AND OTHER PLANTS

*The
Step-by-Step
Way to Draw
Orchids,
Weeping Willows,
Prickly Pears,
Pineapples, and
Many More...*



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To the Reader

To be able to see and enjoy what you are seeing is much to be grateful for. But even more, being able to reproduce and convey to others, by drawing, what you see or imagine provides greater satisfaction. As in all my books, my purpose and pleasure are to show others, like yourself, a way to construct drawings.

This world is full of glorious things to see. I think you'll agree that the flowers, fruits, trees, and the rest of the subject matter here are testament to our beautiful world. In my earlier books, living subjects were all chosen from the animal kingdom. The other major kingdom in the tree of life is the vegetable kingdom, and almost all the drawings in this book are from there. The only exception is the mushroom, which is one of the Fungi.

When you start working, I suggest you use clean white bond paper or drawing paper and a pencil with moderately soft lead (HB or No. 2). Keep a kneaded eraser handy (available at art supply stores). Choose the subject you want to draw and then, very lightly and very carefully, sketch out the first step. Also very lightly and carefully, add the second step. As you go along, study not only the lines but the spaces between the lines. Size your first steps to fill your drawing paper agreeably, not too large, not too small. Remember the first steps must be constructed with the greatest care. A mistake here could ruin the whole thing.

As you work, it's a good idea to hold a mirror to your sketch from time to time. The image in the mirror frequently shows distortion you might not recognize otherwise.

You will notice that new step additions (in color) are printed darker. This is so they can be clearly seen. But keep your construction steps always very light. Here's where the kneaded eraser can be useful. You can lighten a pencil stroke that is too dark by pressing on it with the eraser.

When you've completed all the light steps, and when you're sure you have everything the way you want it, finish your drawing with firm, strong penciling. If you like, you can go over this with India ink (applied with a fine brush or pen) or a permanent fine-tipped ballpoint pen or a felt-tipped marker. When the drawing is thoroughly dry, you can then use the kneaded eraser to clean out all the underlying pencil marks.



Rose
Family: Rosaceae
Genus: Rosa



Weeping Willow
Family: Salicaceae
Genus: *Salix*



Daisy
Family: Compositae



Foxglove
Family: Scrophulariaceae
Genus: *Digitalis*



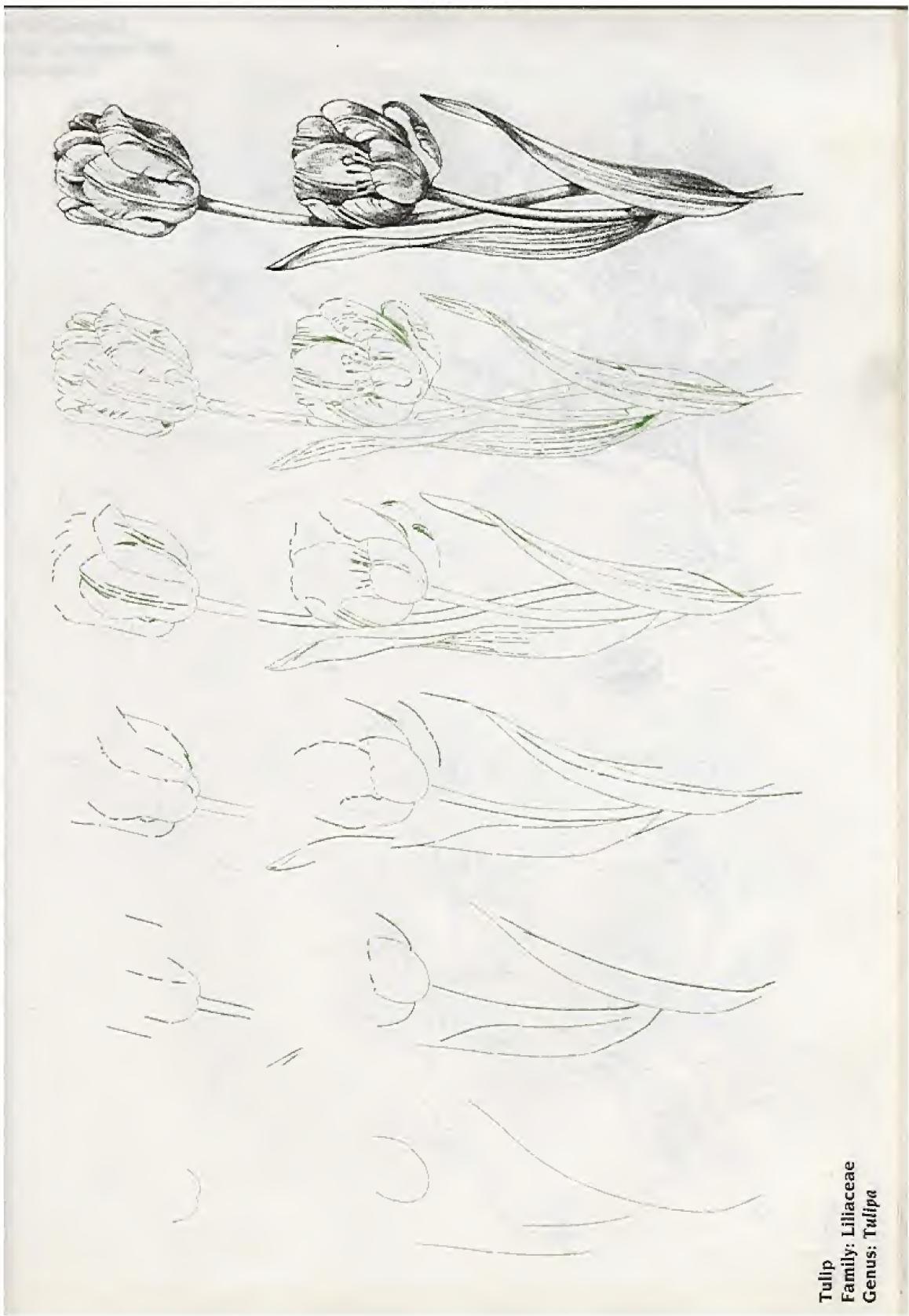
Christmas Cactus
Family: Cactaceae
Genus: *Schlumbergera*



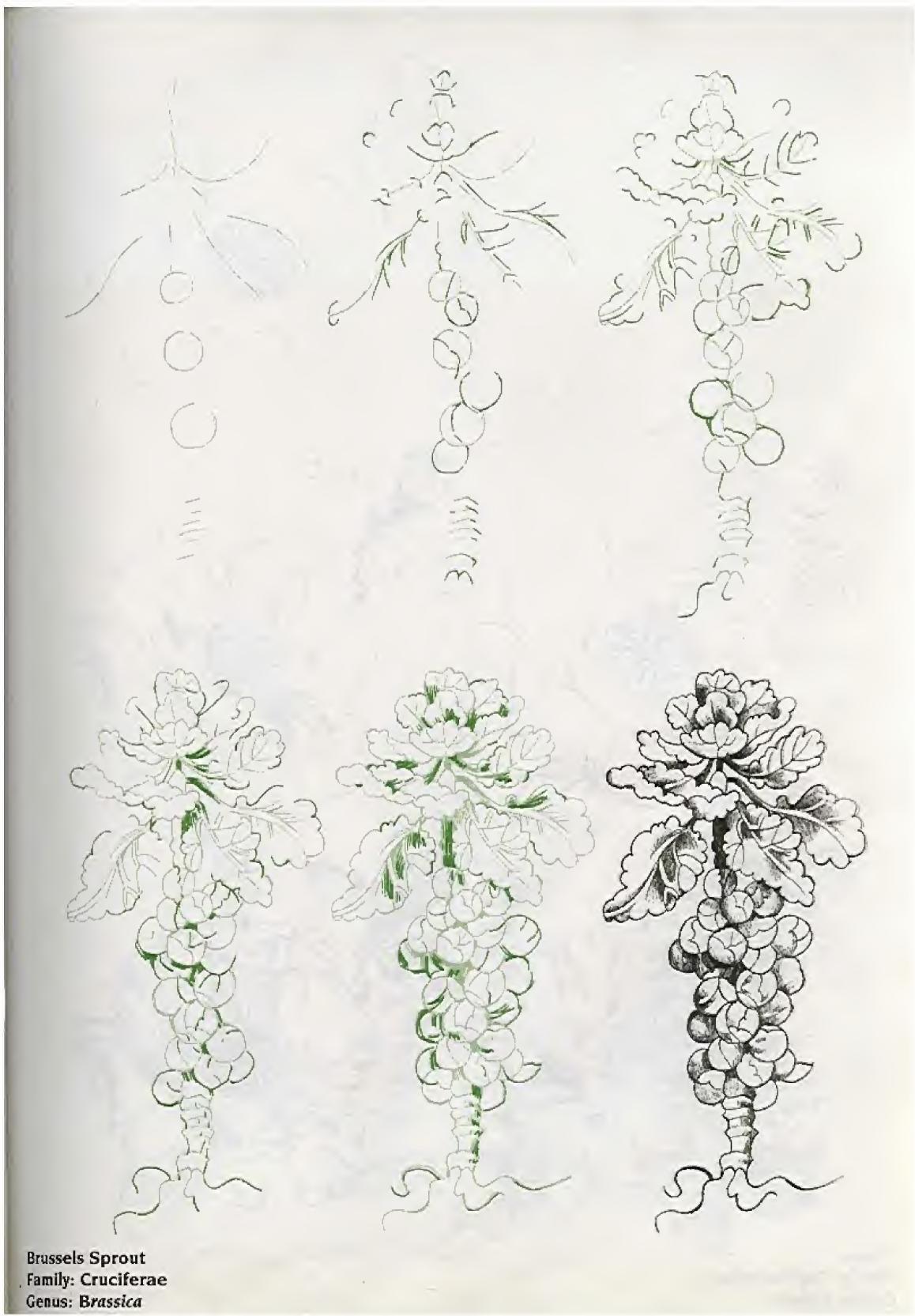
White Pine
Family: Pinaceae
Genus: *Pinus*



Passionflower
Family: Passifloraceae
Genus: *Passiflora*



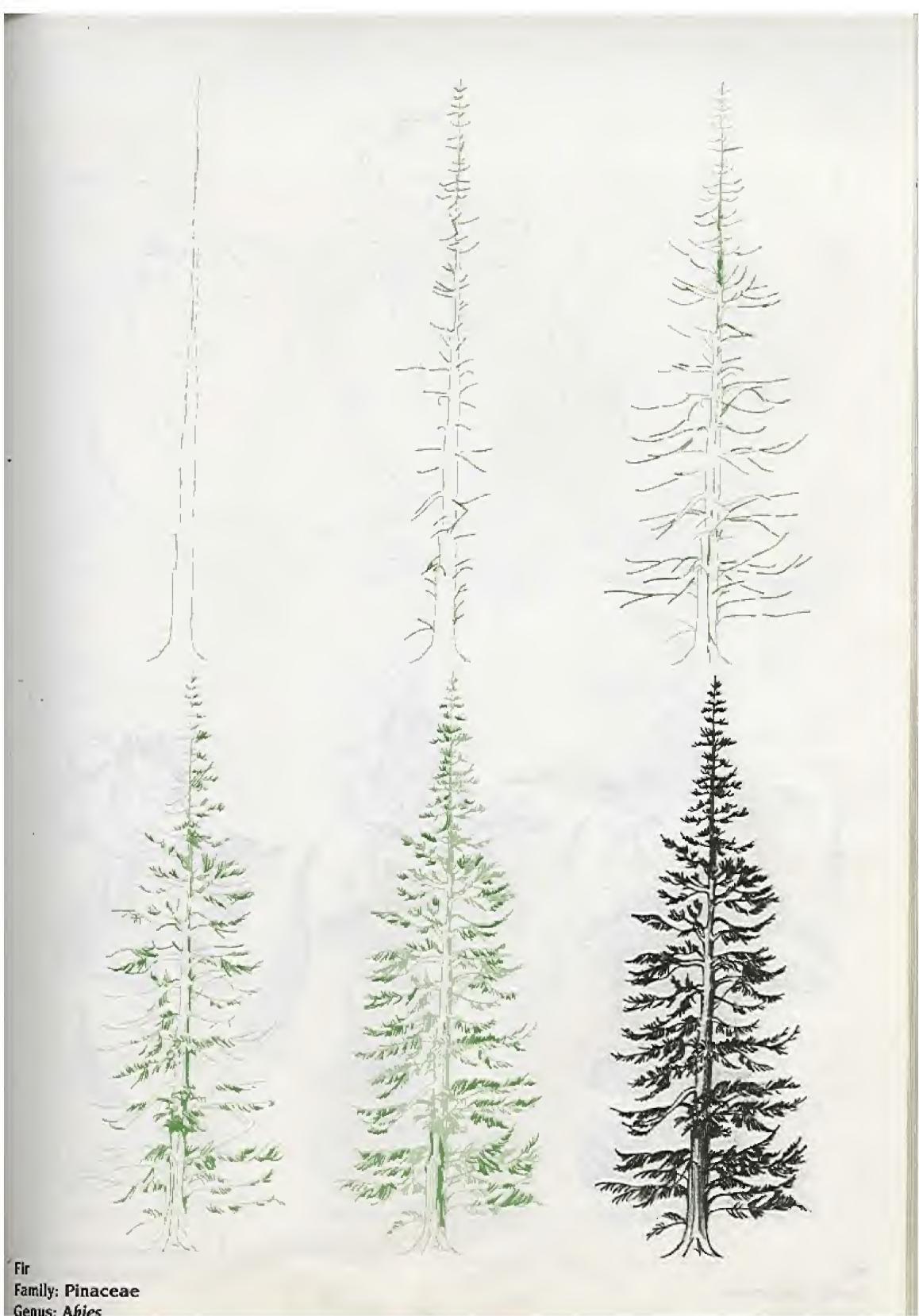
Tulip
Family: Liliaceae
Genus: *Tulipa*



Brussels Sprout
Family: Cruciferae
Genus: *Brassica*



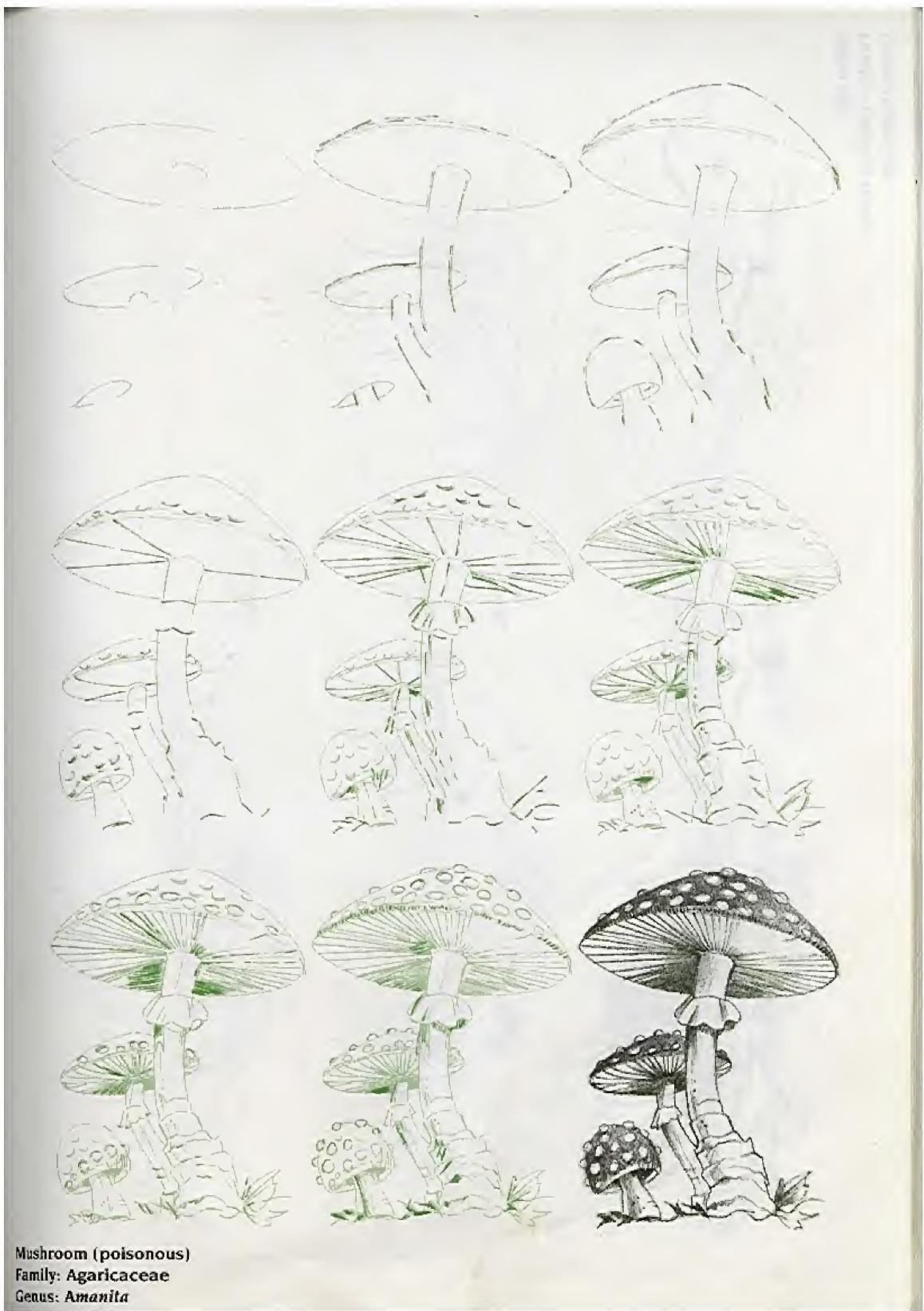
Poppy
Family: Papaveraceae
Genus: Papaver



Fir
Family: Pinaceae
Genus: *Abies*



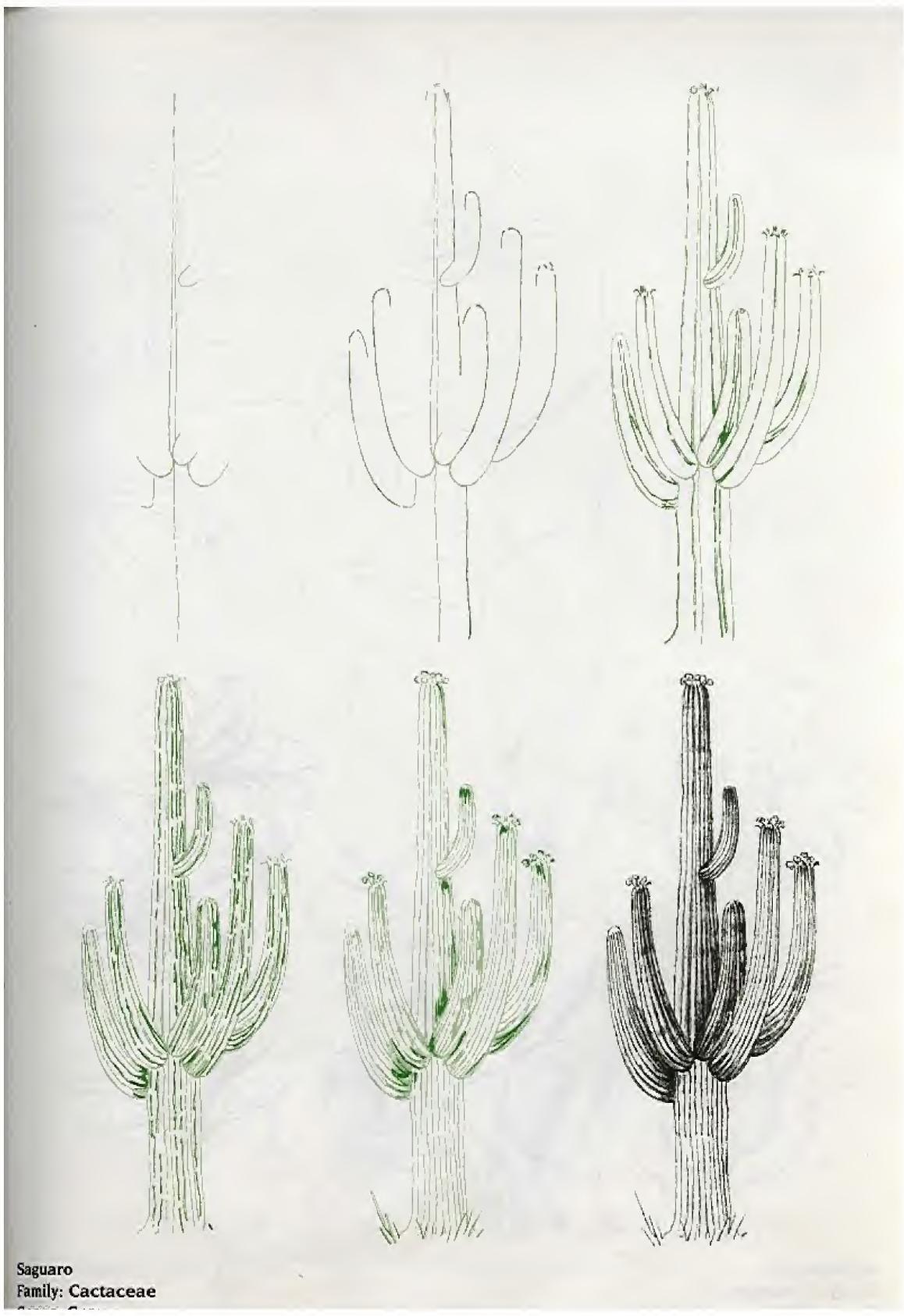
Iris
Family: Iridaceae
Common Iris



Mushroom (poisonous)
Family: Agaricaceae
Genus: *Amanita*



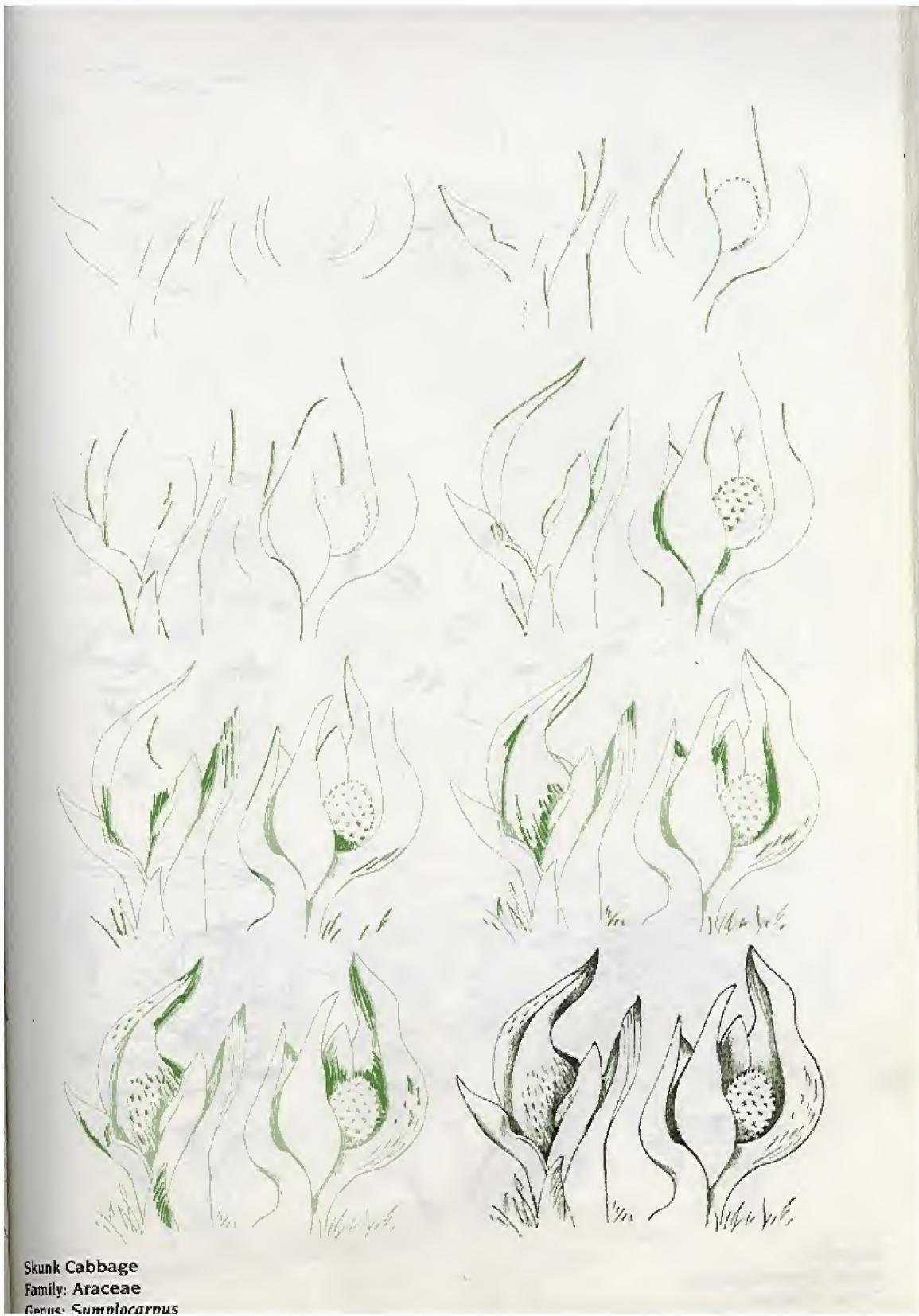
Water Lily
Family: Nymphaeaceae
Genus: *Nymphaea*



Saguaro
Family: Cactaceae



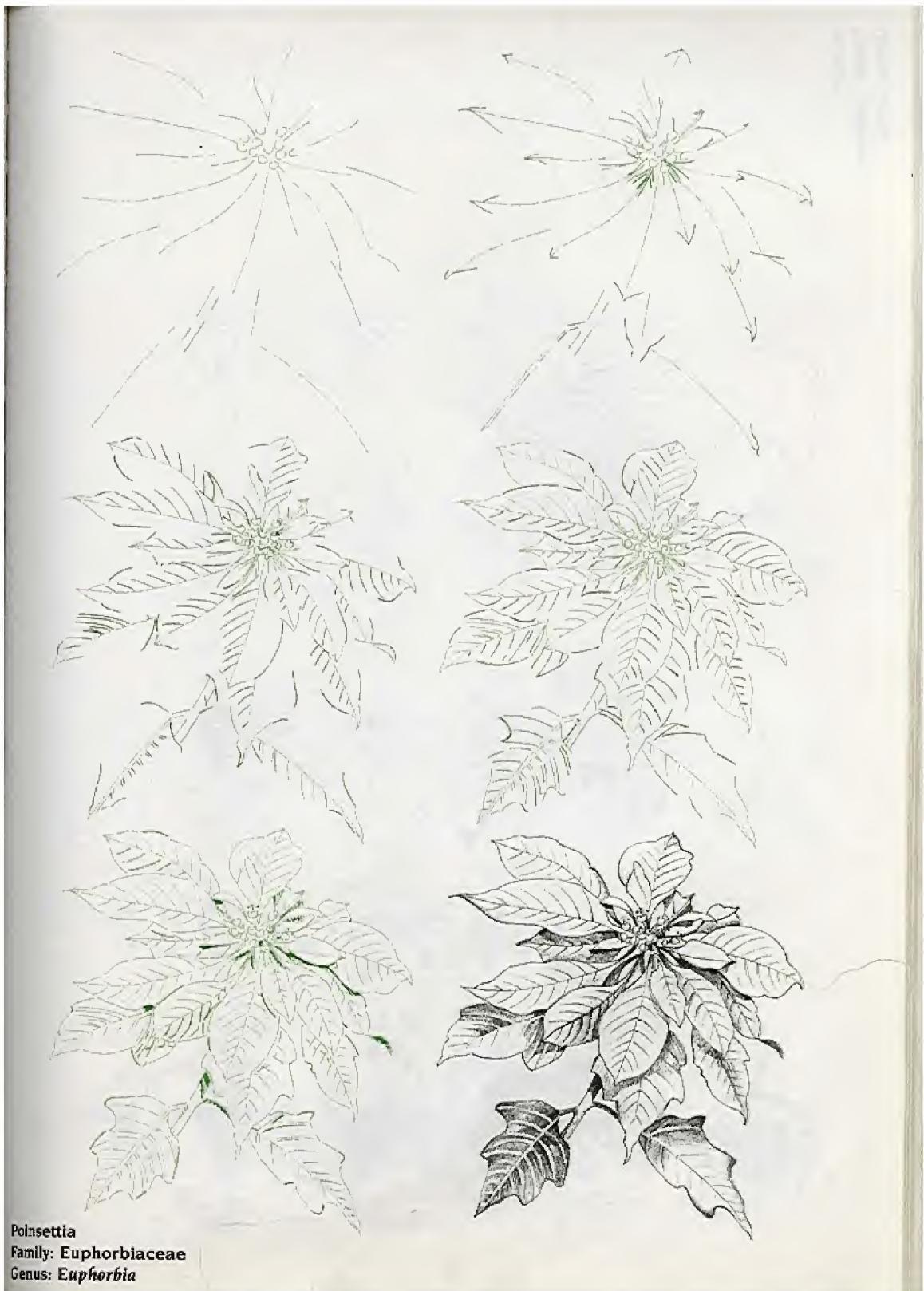
Madonna Lily
Family: Liliaceae
Genus: *Lilium*



Skunk Cabbage
Family: Araceae
Genus: *Symplocarpus*



Daffodil
Family: Amaryllidaceae
Genus: *Narcissus*

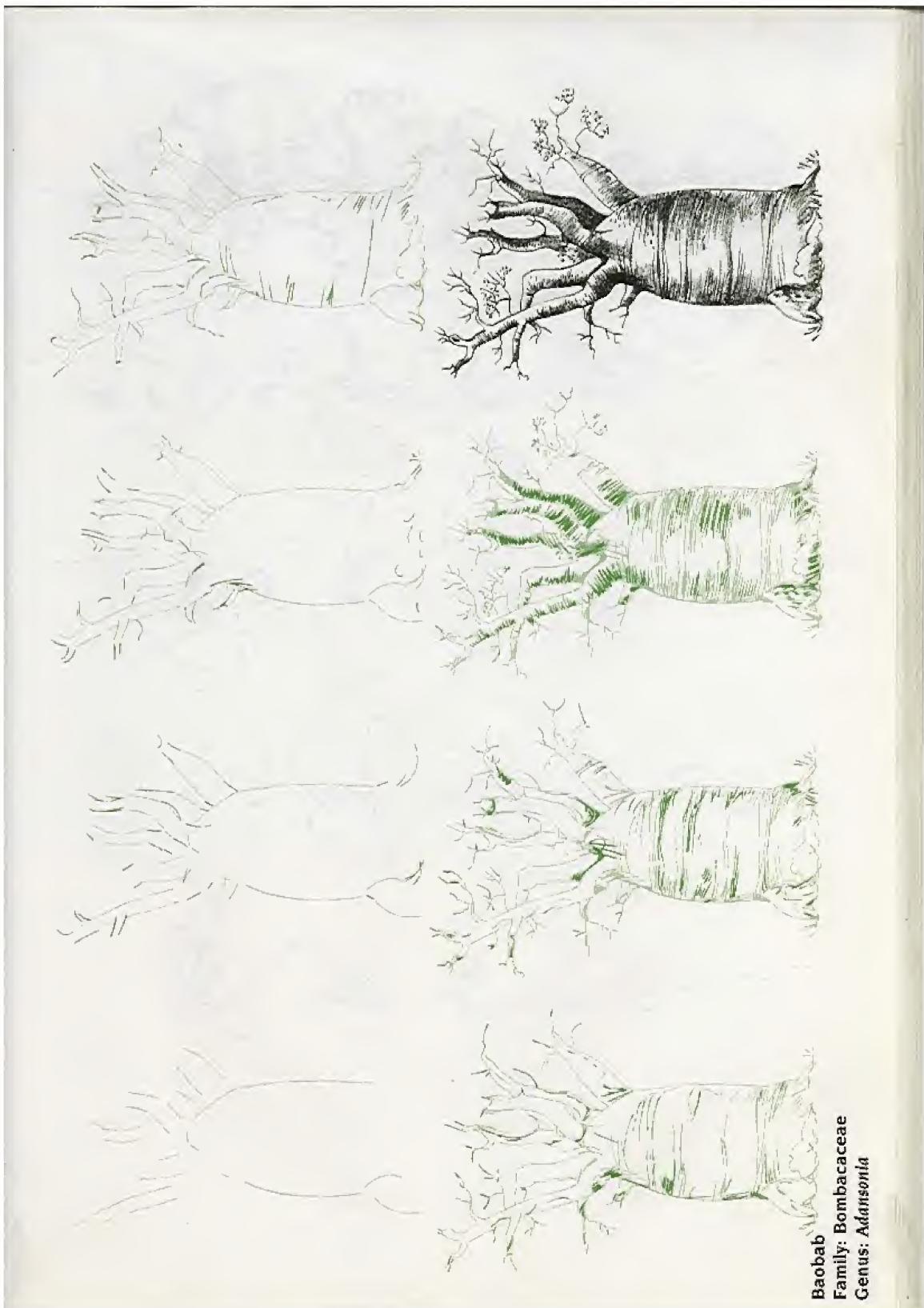


Poinsettia
Family: Euphorbiaceae
Genus: *Euphorbia*



Gladiolus
Family: Iridaceae
Genus: Gladiolus





Baobab
Family: Bombacaceae
Genus: *Adansonia*

Narcissus
Family: Amaryllidaceae
Genus: *Narcissus*





Genus: *Cocos*

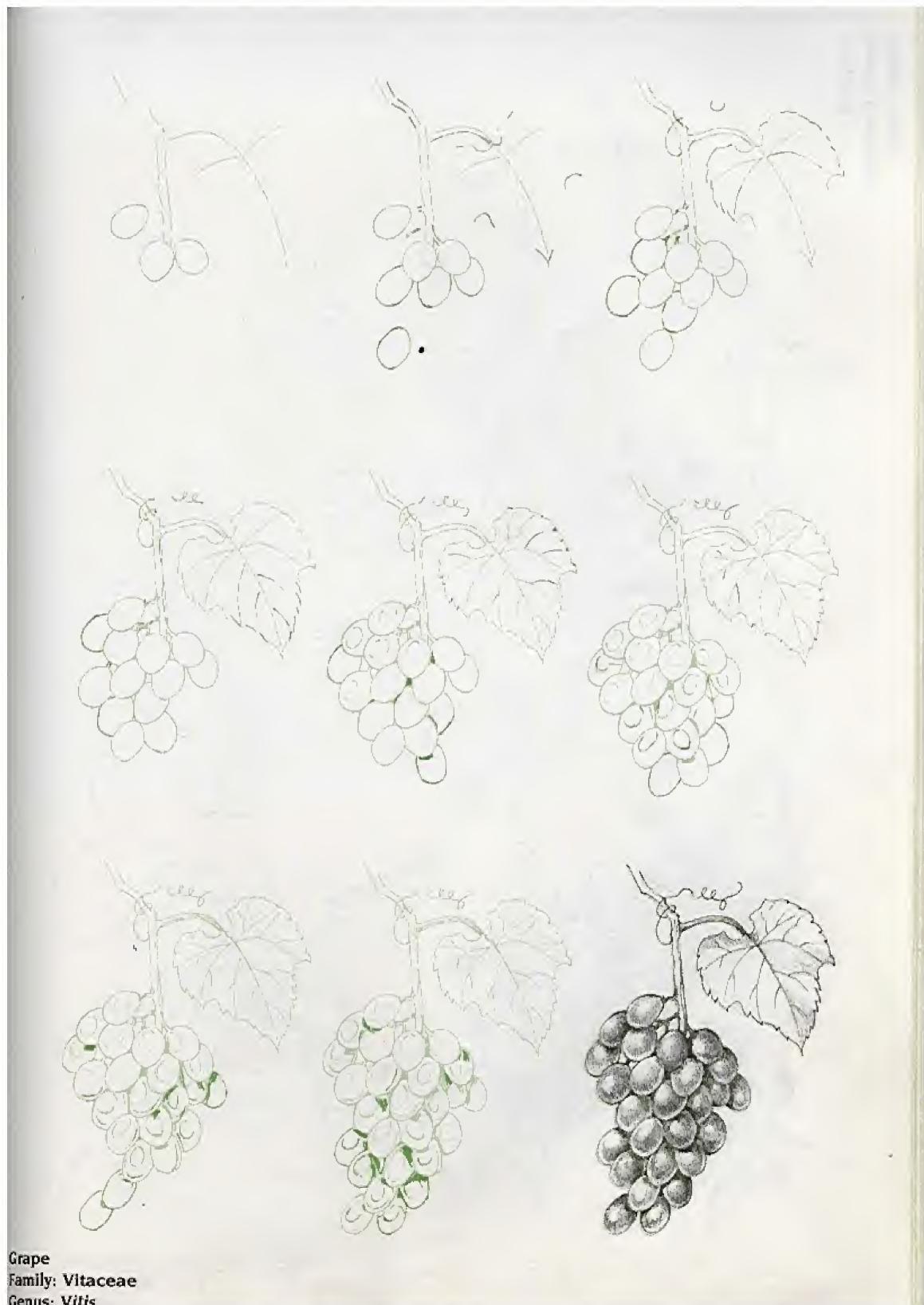
peas
Family: Leguminosae
Genus: *Pisum*

Palm
Family: Palmae
Genus: *Cocos*





Chrysanthemum
Family: Compositae
Genus: *Chrysanthemum*



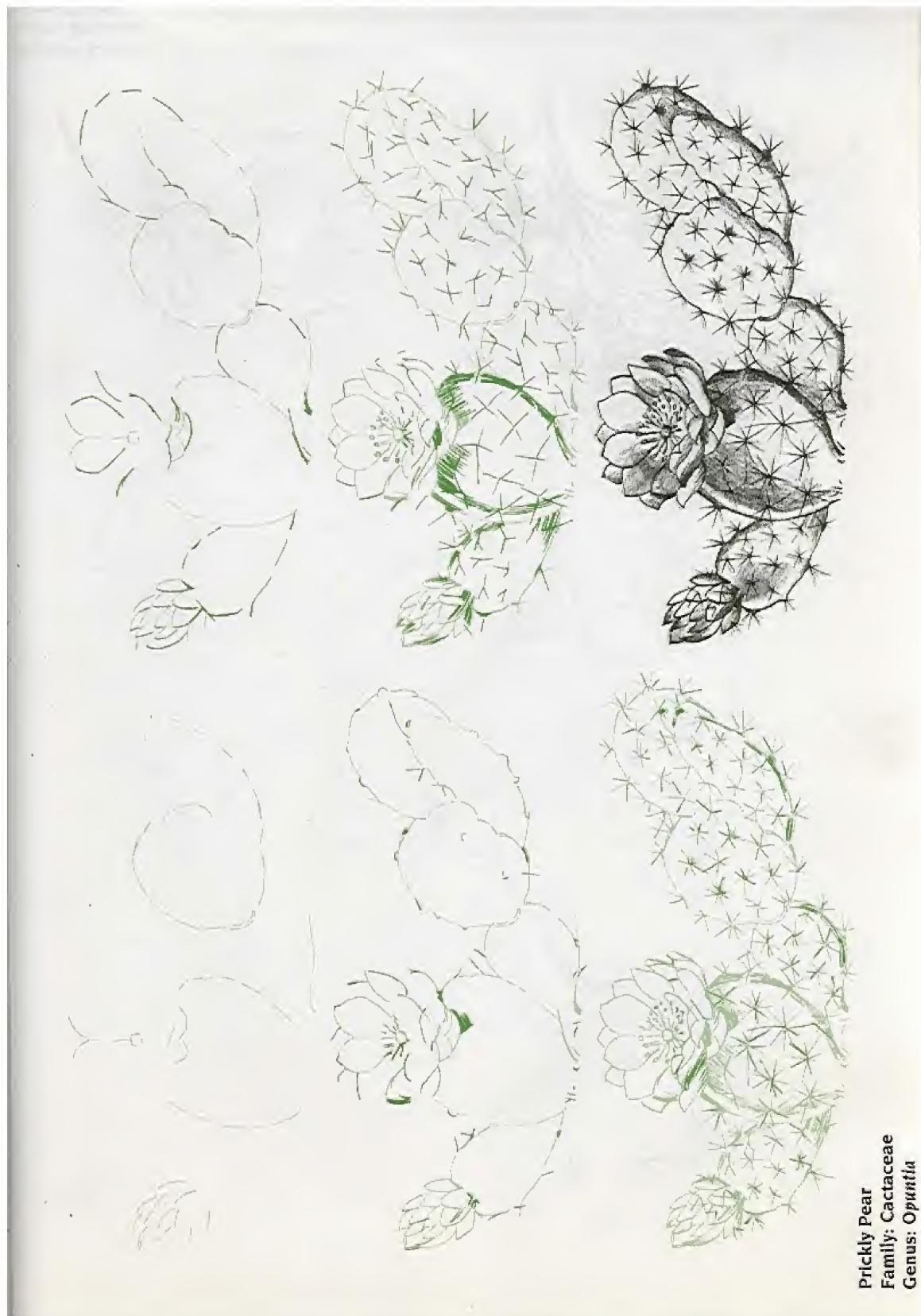
Grape
Family: Vitaceae
Genus: *Vitis*



Dogwood
Family: Cornaceae
Genus: *Cornus*

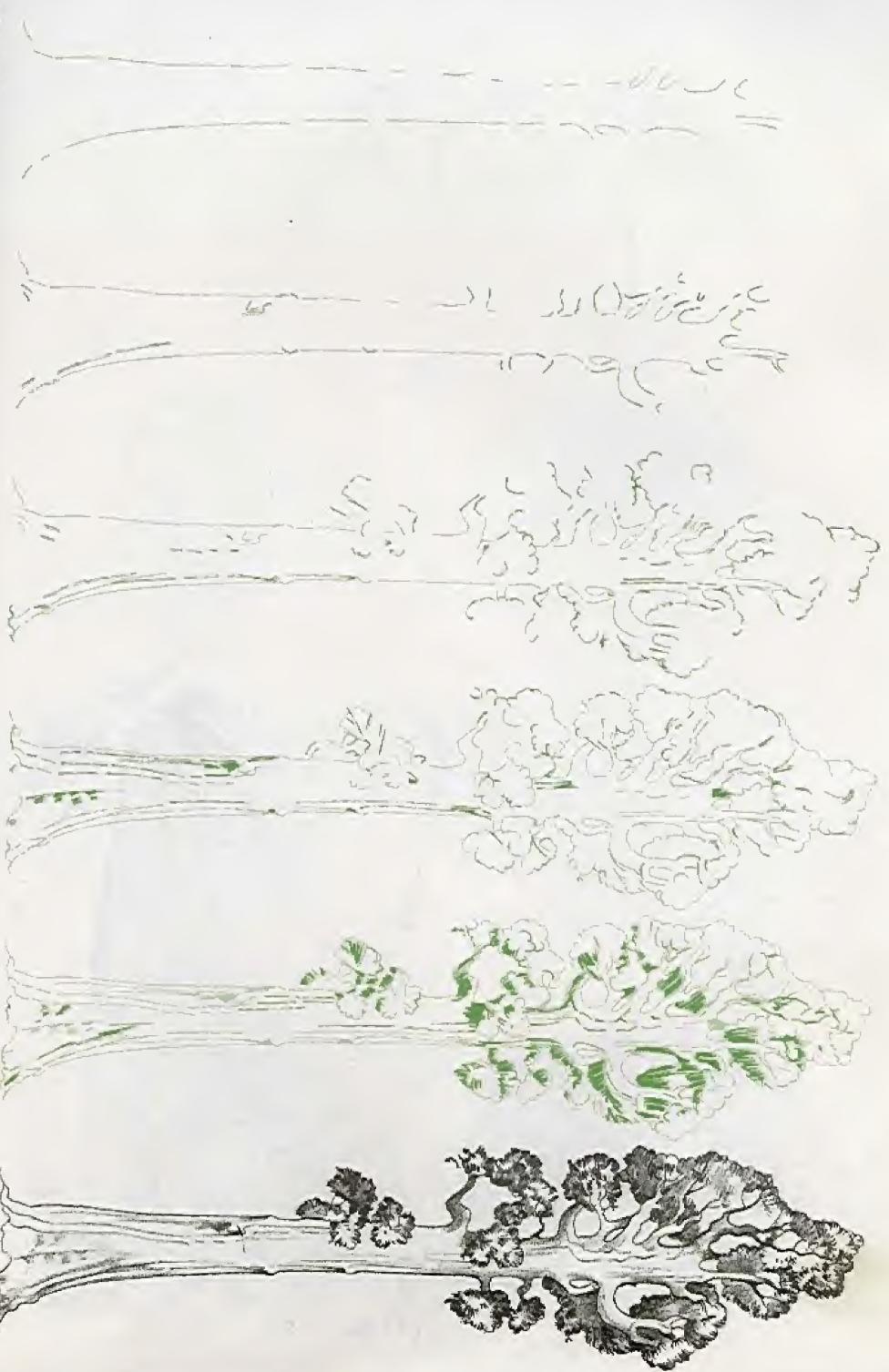


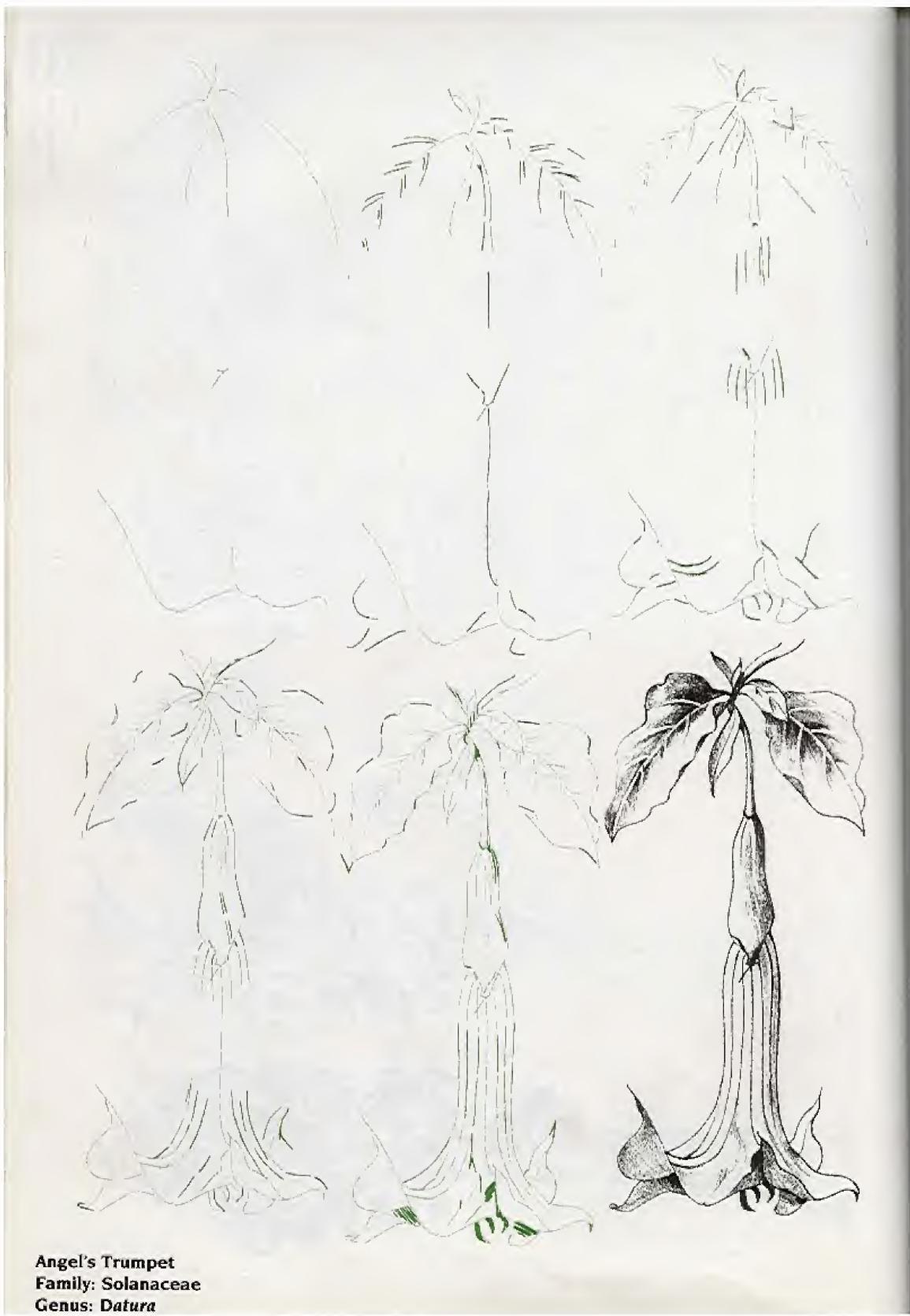
Mountain Laurel
Family: Ericaceae
Genus: *Kalmia*



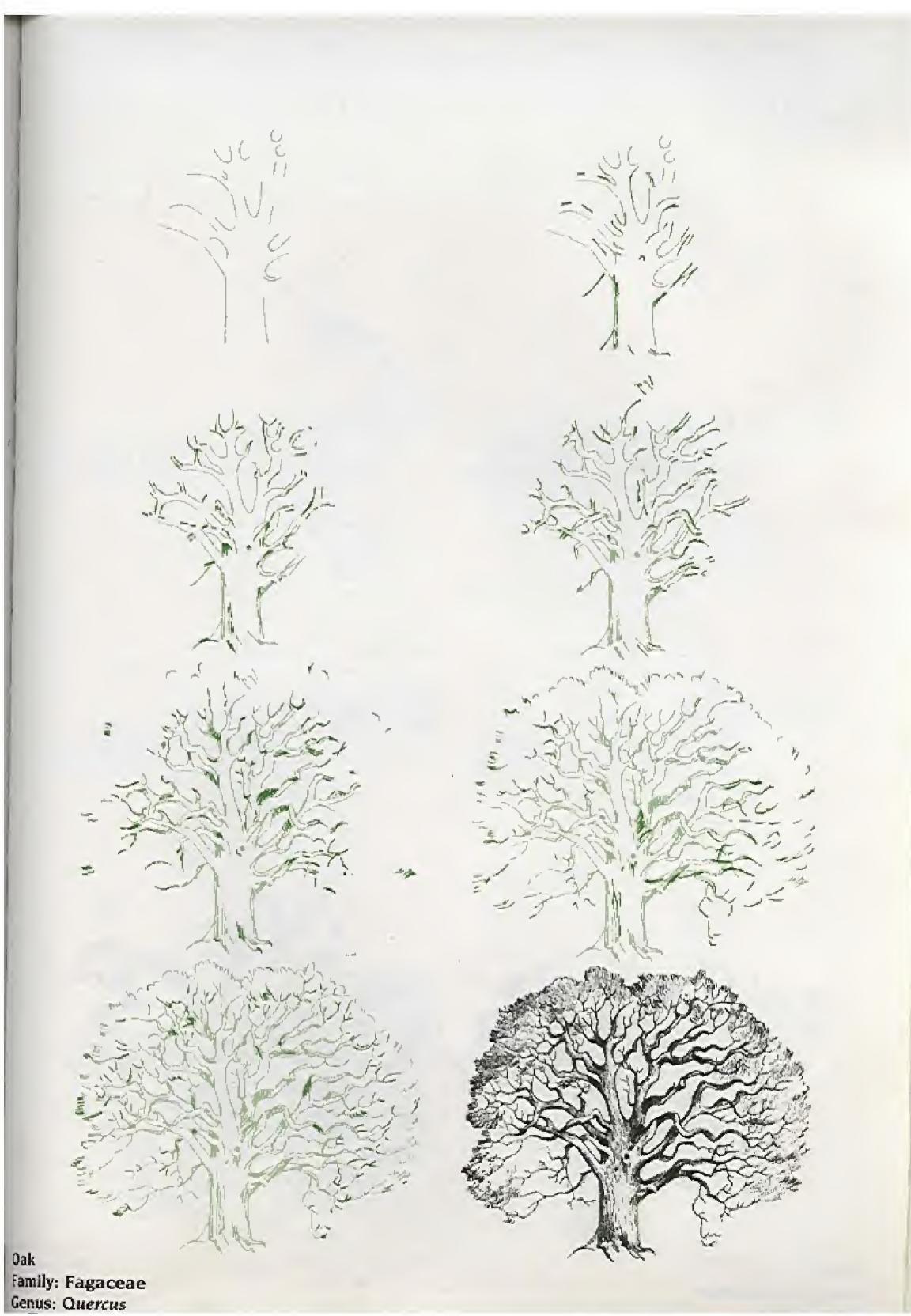
Prickly Pear
Family: Cactaceae
Genus: *Opuntia*

Giant Sequoia
Family: Taxodiaceae
Genus: *Sequoia*





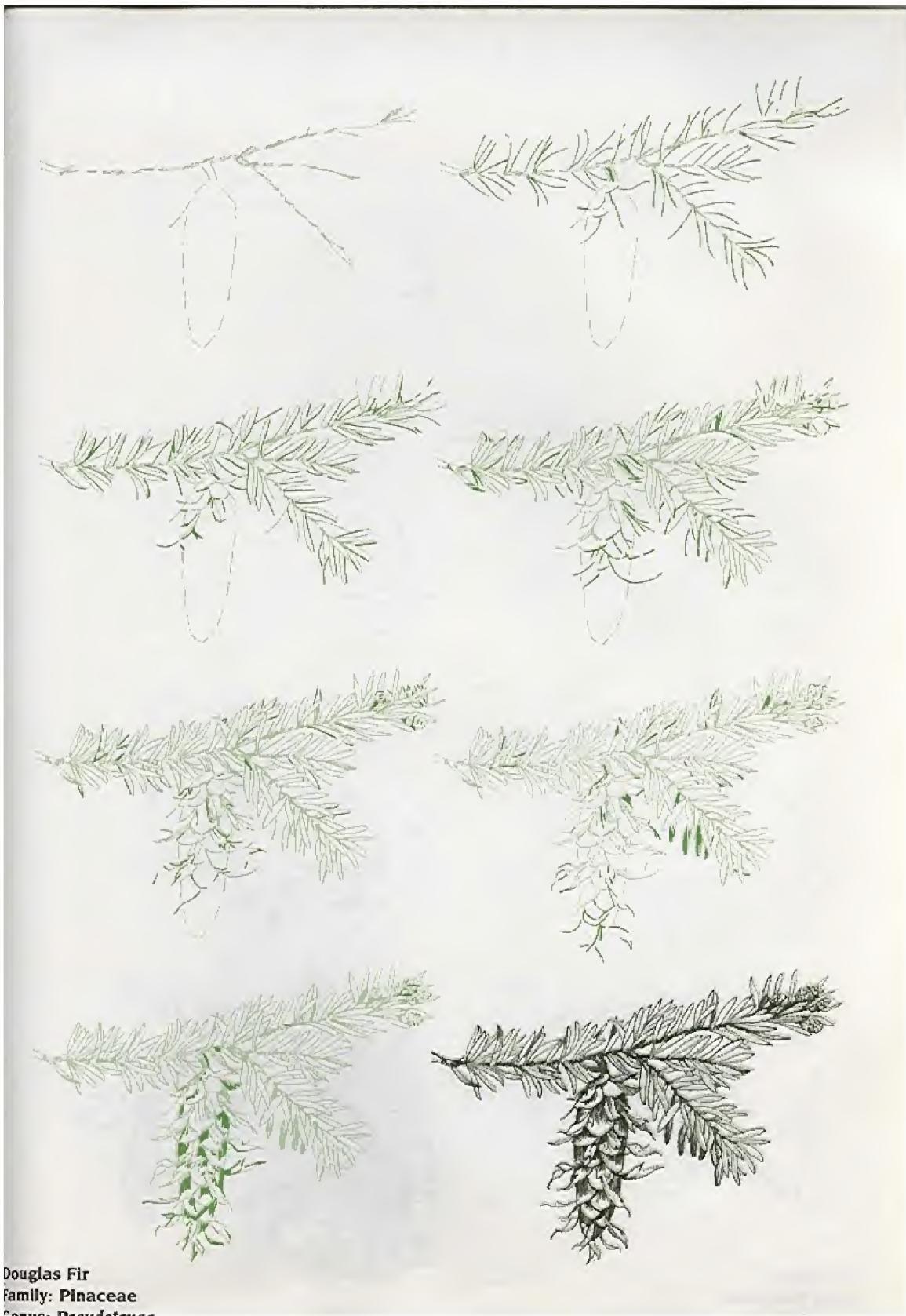
Angel's Trumpet
Family: Solanaceae
Genus: *Datura*



Oak
Family: Fagaceae
Genus: *Quercus*



Orchid
Family: Orchidaceae
Genus: Cattleya

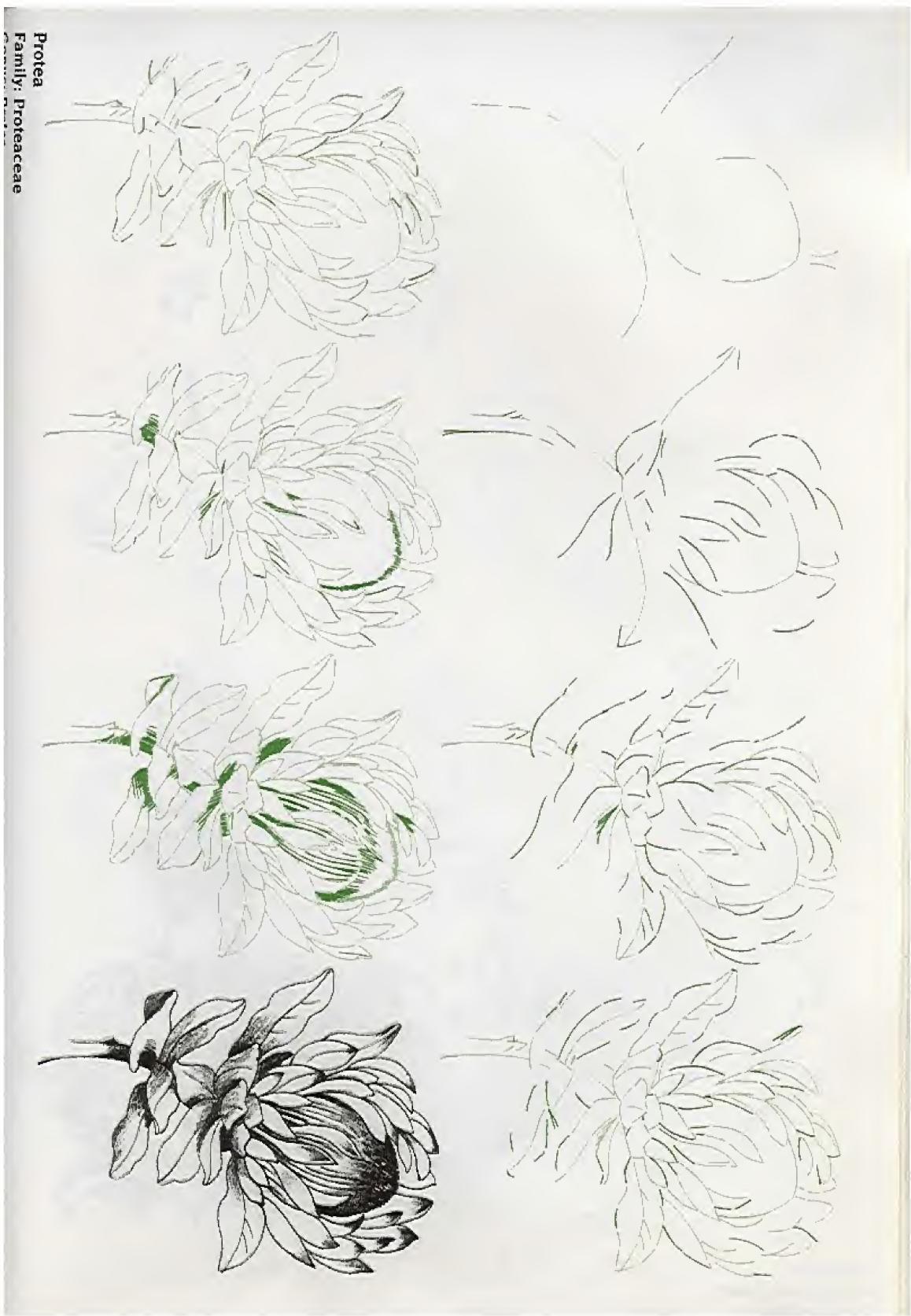


Douglas Fir
Family: Pinaceae



Strawberry
Family: Rosaceae
Genus: *Fragaria*

Protea



Genus: *Physalis*



Hollyhock

Family: Malvaceae

Genus: *Althea*

Chinese Lantern
Family: Solanaceae





Calla Lily
Family: Araceae
Genus: Zantedeschia



Holly
Family: *Aquifoliaceae*
Genus: *Ilex*



Kapok
Family: Bombacaceae
Genus: *Ceiba*

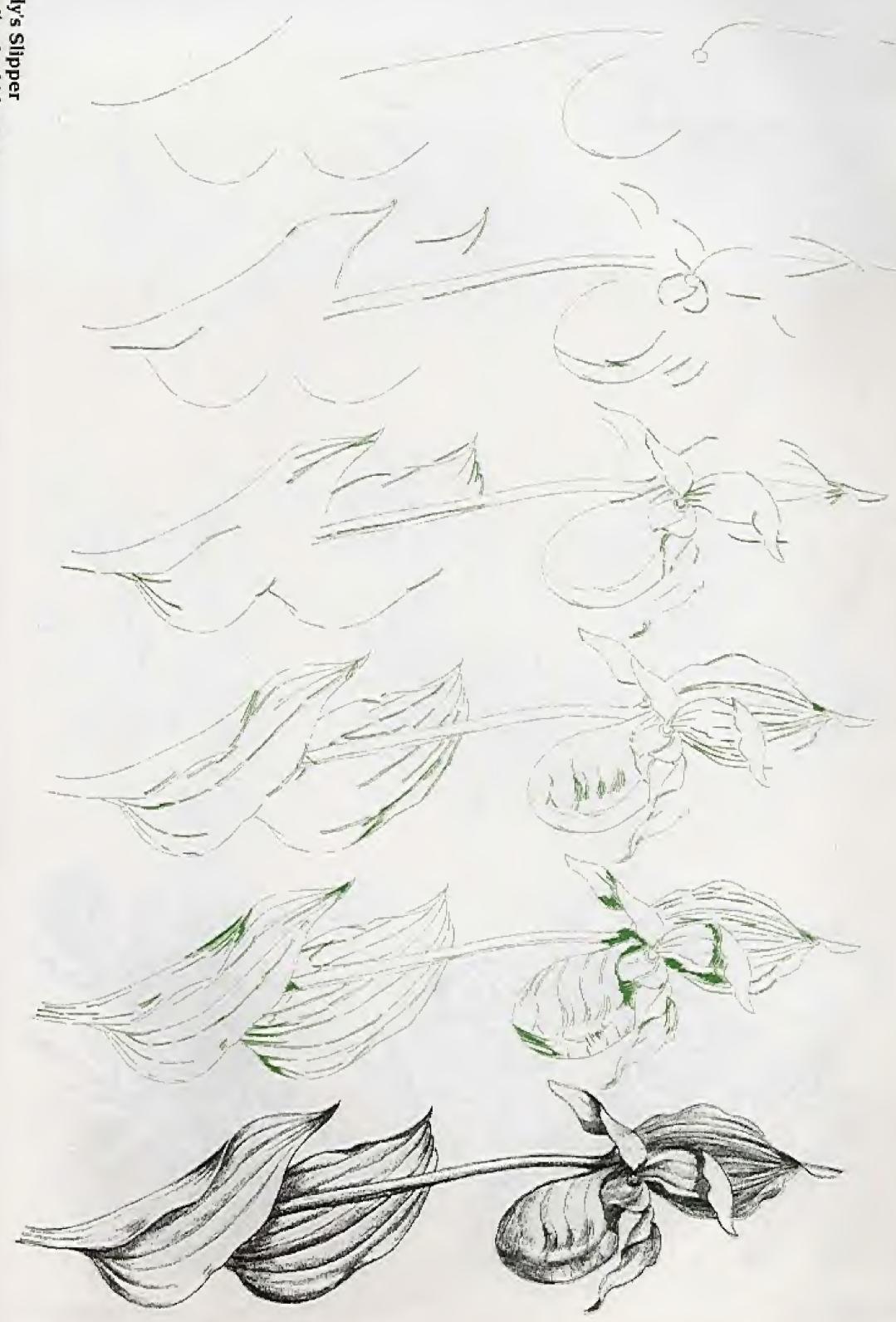
Maple
Family: Aceraceae
Genus: Acer





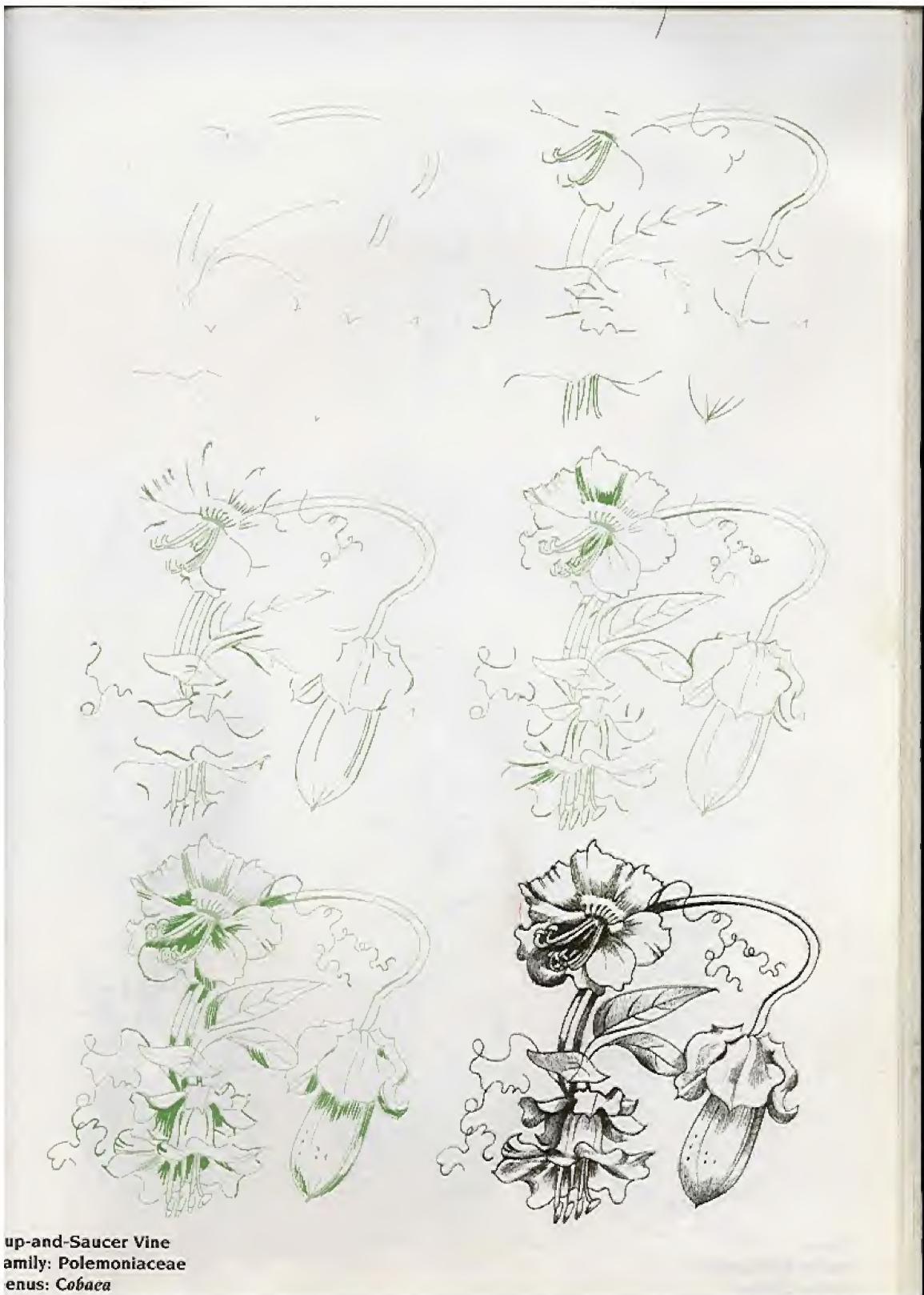
Gloxinia
Family: Gesneriaceae
Genus: *Sinningia*

Lady's Slipper
Family: Orchidaceae





Artichoke
Family: Compositae
Genus: *Cynara*



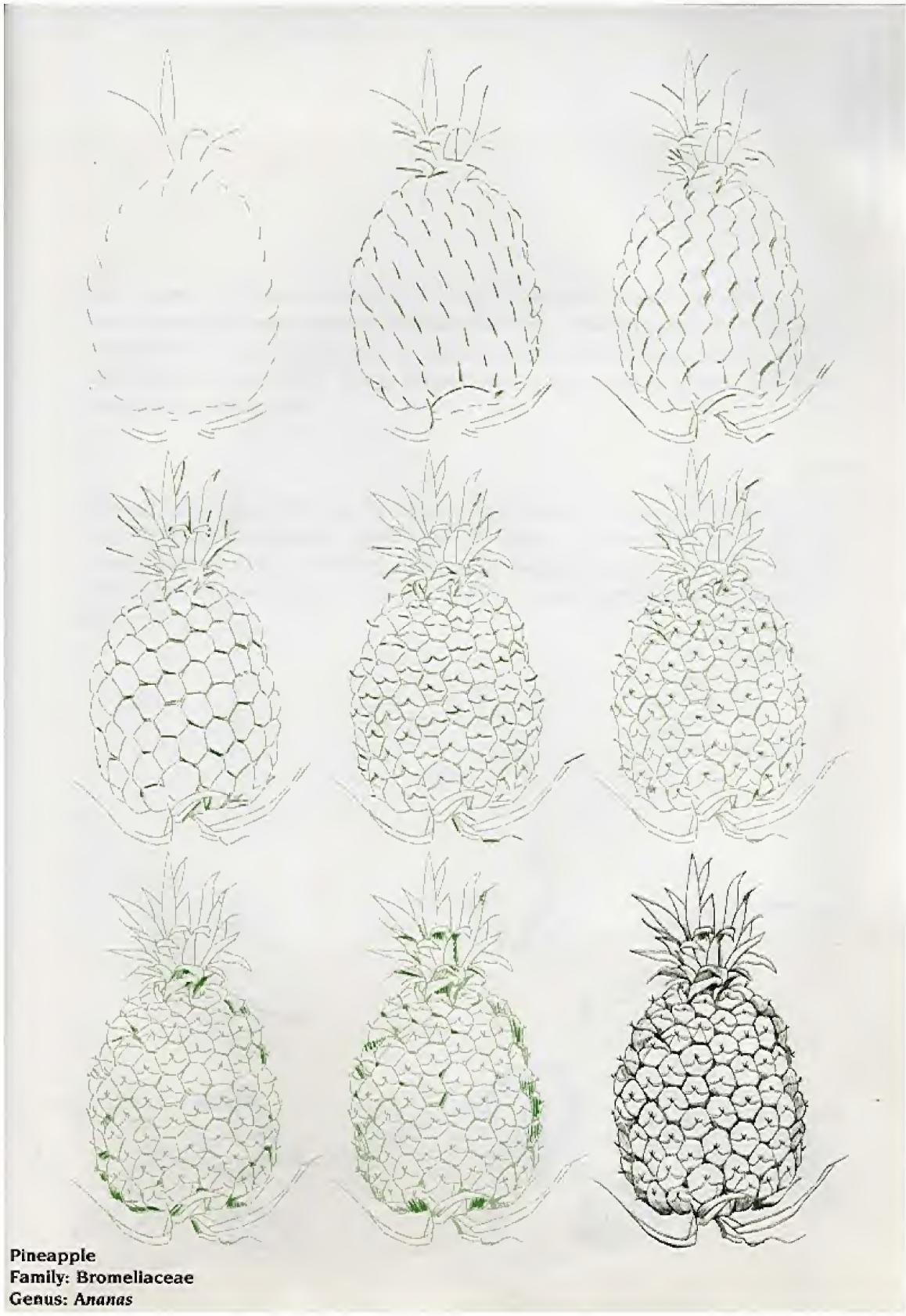
Up-and-Saucer Vine
Family: Polemoniaceae
Genus: *Cobaea*



Thistle

Family: Compositae

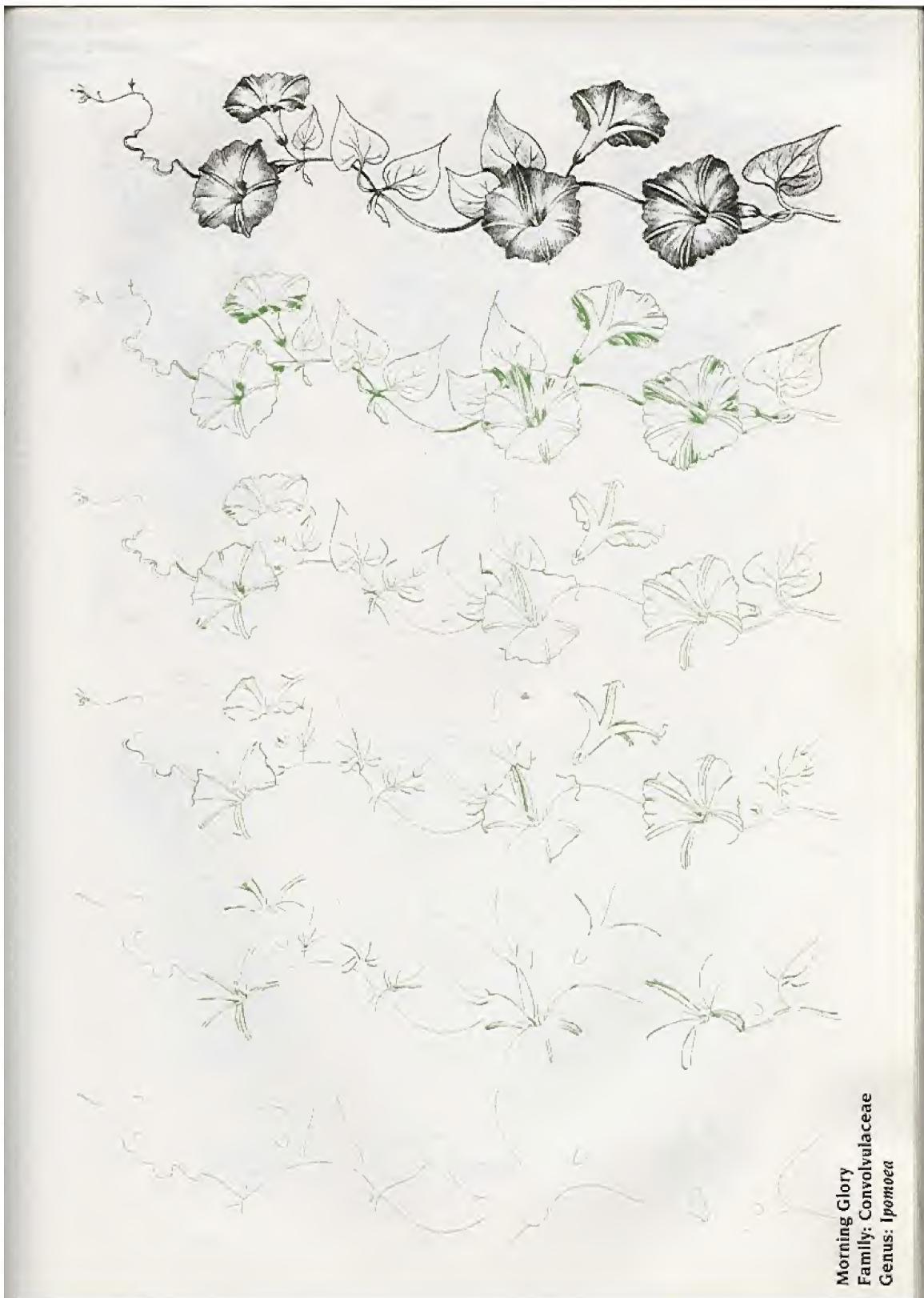
Genus: *Cirsium*



Pineapple

Family: Bromeliaceae

Genus: Ananas



Morning Glory
Family: Convolvulaceae
Genus: *Ipomea*